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SUBJECT:HAVANA MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING
BUREAU (NACB): YUGOSLAV ASSESSMENT

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1. SUMMARY. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY COUNSELOR MATIC
CALLED ON IO/ML DIRECTOR, KRIEBEL, JUNE 15 TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON RECENTLY CONCLUDED NACB MEETING
AT HAVANA. MATIC SEEMED PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN
HAVANA DEBATE OVER PHILOSOPHY AND DIRECTION OF
NAM. HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED OVER WHETHER U.S.
DISPUTE WITH CUBA WOULD LEAD TO U.S. ATTEMPTS TO
MANIPULATE THE NAM IN ORDER TO GET AT CUBA.
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2. CUBA'S ROLE IN NAM WAS MATIC'S PRINCIPAL AREA
OF DISCUSSION. HE SAID HE THOUGHT MAIN BATTLE HAD
BEEN WON AT HAVANA. HE WAS REFERRING TO CUBA'S
EFFORT TO INSERT LANGUAGE IN THE COMMUNIQUE MOVING
THE NAM TO A MORE PRONOUNCED ANTI-WESTERN POSITION,
USING LANGUAGE FAVORABLE TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE

WAS AT PAINS TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE EFFORT HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF THE VIGOROUS OPPOSITION OF YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA AND SRI LANKA AND THOUGHT THAT WHILE CUBA MIGHT RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN AT BELGRADE, THE YUGOSLAVS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO COUNTER IT. HE ASSERTED THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE SUPPORT FOR CUBA'S POSITION AT HAVANA. HE CAUTIONED THAT CUBA WAS NOT ACTING AS A SURROGATE OF THE SOVIET UNION, THAT IT ACTED OUT OF ITS OWN CONVICTIONS WHICH COINCIDED TO A LARGE EXTENT WITH SOVIET POSITIONS. HE CHARACTERIZED THE CUBANS AS DOGMATIC AND UNBENDING AND THAT THEY WOULD PREFER IF THE CHOICE HAD TO BE MADE, TO LEAD A RUMP NAM OF IDEOLOGICALLY CONGENIAL NATIONS THAN TO MAKE THE CONCESSIONS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE BROAD NAM UNITY. HE CHARACTERIZED THE YUGOSLAV POSITION, AT THIS POINT, AS CONCERNED, BUT NOT PESSIMISTIC. WHEN DEPARTMENT OFFICER SAID THAT FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW, PHILOSOPHIC APPROACHES PROPOSED BY NON-ALIGNED DID NOT SEEM TO OFFER MUCH OF A CHOICE, MATIC SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD BUT URGED THAT CAREFUL ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO THE WORDING OF THE SECTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE ON PHILOSOPHY AND OUTLOOK.

3. MATIC SAID THERE WERE THREE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS IN NON-ALIGNED OUTLOOK: A) DECOLONIZATION; B) NORTH-CONFIDENTIAL

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SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES; AND C) NON-INTERFERENCE IN NON-ALIGNED AFFAIRS. ON THE FIRST, HE ARGUED THAT DECOLONIZATION WOULD STILL BE A MAJOR ISSUE FOR THE NON-ALIGNED EVEN IF THERE SHOULD BE A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME TO THE RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN ISSUES. HE SAID ECONOMIC ISSUES HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DISCUSSIONS AT HAVANA AND WOULD FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE FUTURE. DEPARTMENT OFFICER NOTED HIS SURPRISE AT THIS SAYING REPORTS DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED FROM BOTH HAVANA AND THE FIELD MADE PRACTICALLY NO MENTION OF ECONOMIC MATTERS OR HAD DISMISSED THEM. MATIC IN HIS TURN WAS SURPRISED AND SAID THAT HE WANTED TO REVIEW HIS GOVERNMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC ISSUES AT HAVANA. IN DISCUSSING THE THIRD POINT, NON-INTERFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED AFFAIRS, MATIC EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT THE U.S. IN ITS DIFFERENCES WITH CUBA MIGHT ATTEMPT TO MANIPULATE THE NAM IN ORDER TO PLACE PRESSURE UPON CUBA. HE WAS AT PAINS TO ADD THAT HE WAS NOT REFERRING SOLELY TO POSSIBLE U.S. PRESSURE ON THE MOVEMENT, BUT THIS WAS CLEARLY IN HIS MIND.

4. IN OTHER COMMENTS, HE READILY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE U.S. HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT ON MIDDLE EAST MATTERS FOR CRITICISM AS A MEANS OF PREVENTING SPECIFIC CRITICISM OF SADAT FOR HIS APPROACH TO ISRAEL. HE THOUGHT THERE WERE POSSIBILITIES FOR A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN STATES TO APPLY FOR NAM MEMBERSHIP OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, CITING SPAIN, PORTUGAL, IRELAND AND SWEDEN AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES. HE ASSUMED AND WAS POSITIVE IN HIS COMMENTS ON AN OFFICER FROM USUN GOING TO BELGRADE SAYING HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS SUCH AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN HAVANA ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.

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6. COMMENT. IT WAS CLEAR THAT FOR MATIC IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN NON-ALIGNED UNITY. NO SINGLE ISSUE, EVEN ONE AS IMPORTANT AS CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DESTROY THAT UNITY. YUGOSLAVIA, IN THIS VIEW, WILL GO A LONG WAY TO ENSURE THAT CONCERN ABOUT CUBAN INTERVENTION DOES NOT LEAD TO OPEN CHALLENGES OF CUBA'S POSITION IN THE NAM, OR THAT SUCH CHALLENGES DO NOT PROSPER. ONLY IF CUBA ITSELF SEEMS TO THREATEN A BREACH IN NON-ALIGNED UNITY WOULD THE YUGOSLAVS SUPPORT MOVES AGAINST CUBA WITHIN THE MOVEMENT.

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